Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 16 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 17 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 15 Dec 2021 at 11:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for Thursday with some rain at first and low cloud. High confidence for dry and settled weather thereafter with high pressure building. The main forecasting challenge will be the height and extent of any low cloud.

Headline for Thursday 16 Dec 2021: Areas of low cloud with some rain but becoming mainly dry. Windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 16 Dec 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
			FOG	FOG	FOG		
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Fog	Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	60%	70%	30%	20%	20%	10%	10%

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Weather: Outbreaks of rain at first, heavy for a time in the early hours. Rain will mostly fizzle out during the morning. Low cloud continuing to shroud the tops but some brightness possible in the afternoon, best chance in the south.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% in morning becoming, 30% in the afternoon, best chance in south.

Visibility: Persistent low cloud and fog above 400m in the morning, bases rising to 600-800m in the afternoon, perhaps higher in the south. Below the cloud, rather hazy, perhaps a few km at times in early rain but becoming good by afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/28 S	26/32 S	25/32 S	24/32 S	27/35 SW	21/29 SW	18/25 SW	17/22 SW	15/19 SW
900	15/20 S	16/22 S	17/23 SW	18/25 SW	19/26 SW	17/23 SW	14/20 SW	13/19 SW	11/15 SW
600	13/16 S	16/21 S	21/28 S	23/30 S	21/29 SW	19/26 SW	16/22 SW	14/19 SW	10/15 SW
300	8/12 S	7/12 W	11/19 S	11/18 S	11/18 S	10/17 S	8/15 S	6/12 S	6/11 S
Glen	6/12 S	5/11 S	10/21 SW	12/23 SW	9/19 SW	8/17 SW	7/15 S	5/11 S	3/9 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-4	3/-3	3/-3	2/-4	2/-5	1/-6	1/-4	1/-4	2/-3
900	3/-1	4/-1	4/-0	4/-1	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-1	3/-0
600	6/3	6/2	6/2	6/2	6/1	5/0	5/1	5/1	5/2
300	8/6	8/6	8/5	8/5	8/5	7/5	7/5	7/6	7/6
Glen	9/7	8/7	10/7	9/7	9/7	9/7	9/7	9/7	8/8
Freezing Level*	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	1700m	2000m	1800m	1900m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong southwesterly winds on the tops with gusts of 45mph giving difficult mobility conditions up on high exposed ridges of Lochaber and Glen Coe.

Forecast for Friday 17 Dec 2021

Weather: Mainly cloudy with the odd spot of rain overnight and to start the day. This clearing then dry with lengthening spells of sunshine across all ranges.

Maximum wind: Southwest 15mph gusts 25mph in early hours, decreasing to South 10-15mph in the morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% at first, becoming 80% through morning.

Visibility: Poor on the tops at first with areas of cloud and fog above 600m. Becoming very good across all ranges as cloud clears during the morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6C rising to 8 or 9C.
At 800m: Plus 3C rising 10C later.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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